

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1139

By Terry

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Drew Sanders Beam on being named the Dick Howser Trophy National Pitcher of the Month for March and National Pitcher of the Week by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to specially honor and commend those successful collegiate athletes who, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to the State of Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable athlete is Drew Sanders Beam of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville (UT), a baseball player of extraordinary talent, skill, and athleticism, who was recently named the Dick Howser Trophy National Pitcher of the Month for March and National Pitcher of the Week by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association; and

WHEREAS, Drew Beam was a two-sport standout and honors student at Blackman High School in Murfreesboro before joining the ranks of the UT Vols baseball team for the 2022 season; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Beam earned the win in all four of his starts during the month of March while posting a 1.40 earned run average with twenty strikeouts and only three walks against such powerhouse teams as Oklahoma, Rhode Island, South Carolina, and Ole Miss; and

WHEREAS, nearly unhittable in his Southeastern Conference (SEC) debut on March 20, against the Gamecocks, Drew Beam only allowed one hit in 7.2 shutout innings; he followed that with another stellar outing in his first SEC road start at then No. 1-ranked Ole Miss, holding the Rebels high-powered lineup to just one run on three hits in 7.1 innings, tying a career high with six strikeouts as UT swept Ole Miss in Oxford, Mississippi, for the first time in the program's history; and

WHEREAS, Drew Beam continued his incredible debut season by going the distance against Vanderbilt on April 3, throwing the first complete-game shutout by a UT pitcher since 2019. The freshman right-hander allowed only two hits, faced one batter over the minimum, and did not allow a single Vandy player to advance past first base for the entire game; he retired the last sixteen batters he faced in the contest, did not issue a walk, and finished with four strikeouts, as the Vols completed their first series sweep over the Commodores since 2009; and

WHEREAS, pitching at least 7.1 innings in each of his three SEC starts this season, Mr. Beam has allowed only six hits and one run combined in those three outings, posting a 0.38 earned run average and holding opposing hitters to a .078 batting average in those appearances; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the aforementioned National Pitcher of the Month for March and National Pitcher of the Week honors, Mr. Beam has been recognized as one of *Collegiate Baseball News* National Players of the Week, SEC Pitcher of the Week, SEC Freshman of the Week, and SEC Co-SEC Freshman of the Week; and

WHEREAS, majoring in business management at UT, Drew Beam is the son of Kelli and Jason Beam and the brother of Carlee Beam; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Beam epitomizes all that is good in today's student athlete, as he has achieved a high level of success in sports while evincing great character both on and off the field; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we recognize and commend this elite athlete and outstanding young gentleman; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Drew Sanders Beam on being named the Dick Howser Trophy National Pitcher of the Month for March and National Pitcher of the Week by the

National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.